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NEW INDUSTRIAL POLICY
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes launched by the Government under New Industrial Policy in rural and tribal areas, State-wise, particularly in Bihar;

(b) whether the people living in rural and tribal areas are getting benefits of these programmes; and

(c) if so, the number of persons benefited or likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Statement on Industrial Policy laidbefore Parliament on 24th July, 1991 lays down a broad framework for accelerating industrial development in the context of economic liberalisation and globalisation.

With a view to promoting balanced regional development, the Government have launched various programmes such as Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructural DevelopmentScheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme, Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana, Rural Employment Generation Programme and the National Programme on Rural Industrialisation.

To lay particular emphasis on tribal areas, the Government have recently announced a New Industrial Policy for the North Eastern Region which comprises several incentives such as Capital Investment Subsidy, Transport Subsidy, tax exemption,interest subsidy and enhanced central assistance in respect of Growth Centres and Integrated Infrastructural Development Centres.Apart from this, there exists inbuilt criteria in these programmes to ensure adequate concentration in backward areas. Similarly, Khadi and Village Industries Commission`s activities are also specially concentrated in backward areas, including Bihar. Bihar has also received central assistance for setting up 6 Growth Centres in the State.

Since these programmes are being implemented by different Ministries/Subordinate Organisations, State-wise details are not centrally maintained by this Ministry.

The impact of Government`s initiatives has been positive as could be gauged from steady industrial growth and employment growth particularly in the small, rural and tiny sector.